

12.09.2021 Veterans Home Weekly Family Updates

Dear Family & Friends -

Whereas state and federal judges are currently reviewing CMS's Interim Final Rule regarding COVID-19 vaccine mandates, please know Veterans Home team members and volunteers are still required to become fully vaccinated so we continue remaining aligned with our core values. If you or your family members need assistance in obtaining a COVID-19 vaccine or have questions about the vaccine, please reach-out to Katie Plendl at 715-720-6775. We're here to support you all in staying safe and healthy this holiday season.

COVID -19 Update:

One COVID-19 positive team member was identified on 12/7/21(phone messages went out last night pertaining to this case. No additional cases have been identified since 12/7). No members were exposed to this COVID-19 positive individual and no protocols will change. One team member recovered recently. This means we currently have one active COVID-19 positive team member and no positive members.

Current & Cumulative COVID-19 Cases:

Current Active COVID-19 Confirmed Positive:	1 (One employee)
Current Active COVID-19 Suspected Positive:	0
Cumulative COVID-19 Confirmed Positive (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	82 (twenty-five members, fifty-four employees, three contracted individuals)
Cumulative COVID-19 Suspected Positive (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	2 (one member, one employee)
Total Recovered (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	78 (twenty-two members, fifty-four employees, three contracted individuals)

Our comprehensive COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Response Plan is in place to help our team prioritize the health and safety of everyone who lives in and works at the Veterans Home. This plan includes:

- Requiring team members be vaccinated against COVID-19 while encouraging members and families to get the COVID-19 vaccine;
- Utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment, including a well-fitting face covering or mask that covers the mouth and nose;
- Screening and monitoring members, team members, and visitors for symptoms;
- Using alcohol-based hand rub regularly;
- Tracing individuals who come in contact with anyone affected;
- Testing members and team members based on federal and state guidance;
- Quarantining COVID-19 positive members and implementing enhanced infection control measures;
- Advising COVID-19 positive team members to take all appropriate measures;

- Taking environmental safety precautions, such as disinfecting high-touch surfaces and designated visitation areas after each visit;
- Assuring safe congregate dining and group activities with social distancing; and
- Adhering to safe visitation procedures, including maintaining six feet of distance between persons.

Please contact me at any time if you need assistance in getting vaccinated, finding a booster shot, or have questions.

Thank you for your support and collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan M. Corcoran', written in a cursive style.

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